

A PHILANTHROPIST GONE.

Death of W. W. Corcoran, the Aged Washington Banker.

A Man Who Spent Millions in Deeds of Benevolence.



William Philanthropist, the well known Washington banker, died at the National Capital a few days ago of senile bronchitis, in the ninetyeth year of his age.

Mr. Corcoran was born in Georgetown, D. C., December 27, 1798. His father, Thomas Corcoran, was born in Limerick, Ireland, and coming to this country in 1788, married Hannah, daughter of John Corcoran, 1788.

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Plans of benevolence seem to have taken the foremost place in his thoughts of later years. The first of these was the building of a Washington in the beautiful Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown, the Corcoran Art Gallery with its magnificent endowment.

Mr. Corcoran in 1857 married Louise Amory Morris, daughter of Commodore Charles Morris. Mrs. Corcoran died five years later. Their first child, a boy, died when an infant, and an only daughter, Louise, who married George W. Eastis (a brother of the present Senator Eastis of Louisiana), died in 1867, leaving two sons and a daughter, who will undoubtedly inherit the bulk of Mr. Corcoran's fortune.

FATAL DISASTERS.

Avalanches of Snow in Italy Destroying Villages and People.

Snow storms of exceptional severity have been prevailing in Northern Italy. The municipal authorities at Turin have ordered the theatres, schools and markets to be closed in order to prevent accidents through the falling of masses of snow.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company is about to place an order for 2,500 new cars. WAGES have been reduced recently in many of the iron furnaces in Pennsylvania.

RHOSE ISLAND is making a fair looking, good watch for \$2.70, and a good looking gold chain for eleven cents.

THE tanning of box constructors principally a branch of the iron industry, and they are made into pocket-knives, pens, etc.

THE color test is being enforced on the Reading Railroad, and two engineers of forty years' experience have lost their places in consequence.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States. FIRE started in the five-story building at Buffalo, N. Y., occupied by J. E. Curtis, a cloth manufacturer, and caused \$875,000 damage.

THE schooner Nellie Bowers was wrecked at Richmond's Island, off the Maine coast, and the Captain, together with three of the crew, was drowned.

THE village of Manlius, near Syracuse, N. Y., is terror-stricken by a malignant form of diphtheria, which has caused numerous deaths and the closing of the schools necessarily.

THE body of Miss Louise Deltimore, aged twenty-four, who mysteriously disappeared from the city of New York in October, has been found in the Poco River, near her home.

A TORNADO destroyed numerous buildings and did considerable damage in Vanderburg and Gibson counties, Ind.

LEE WELLS and George Urquhart, two young newboys, quarreled at Houston, Texas, over their papers, when Urquhart drew a pistol and killed his comrade.

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ENGINEER CARBAGA shot and killed Surgeon Bird, in Greytown, Nicaragua. He went out on the balcony and was killed on the pavement below.

THE village of Valosta, Italy, has been half buried by an avalanche, and troops have been ordered to the scene of the disaster to assist in disinterring the dead.

THE Spanish Senate, by a vote of 123 to 52, approved a bill establishing trial by jury.

MAYOR O'BRIEN, of Cork, Ireland, who has been suffering imprisonment for assaulting the police, was given a grand ovation upon the occasion of his release.

THE Rev. Dr. W. H. Ward, editor of the New York Independent, was crushed by a truck, four ribs being broken and there being a slight concussion of the brain.

FIRE at Salamanca, N. Y., destroyed the opera house, postoffice and twenty other buildings.

MASKED robbers stole \$4,000 from the express car on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad, near Pine Bluff, Ark.

TOM FORSYTHE, son of the Sheriff of Panola County, Texas, has been lynched for the unprovoked murder of County Treasurer Hill, which he had confessed.

THE walls of a large hotel in process of erection at Kansas City, Mo., caved in, killing three men and injuring five seriously.

THE total receipts of the Government for February were \$34,222,852, and the total expenditure \$10,424,703, being a net gain for the month of \$11,808,257.

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ANOTHER BIG STRIKE.

Engineers and Firemen on the C., B. & Q. R. R. Quit Work.

More than 25,000 Men Affected By the Tie-up.

A great strike of 1,000 engineers and 1,000 firemen on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad system began promptly in Chicago and other points at 4 o'clock Monday morning.

Just before the time appointed for the strike the train Master S. T. Pope issued an order that no trains should be moved west of Chicago.

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SUMMARY OF CONGRESS.

Senate Proceedings.

41TH DAY.—A resolution was adopted requesting information from the President as to the prohibition of American products from the National market.

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BUTCHERED AND BURNED.

Eight Colored Men Meet a Horrible Death.

The Sanguinary Work of Texas Desperadoes.

One of the bloodiest crimes that ever darkened the pages of the history of Texas has been enacted at Spanish Camp, small settlement on the Colorado River, in Wharton county, about sixty-five miles southeast of Houston.

The Spanish Camp neighborhood is rich in farming lands, but inhabited mostly by negroes and Mexicans, the proportion of whites being very small.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

RUSSIA wants to resume specie payments. THE Society Islands want to annex to France. PROFESSOR SWIFT, the finest linguist in Canada, is insane.

THE Indian tribes in Winnipeg are suffering from influenza. BRAZIL thinks that Stanley has joined Emin Bey, in Africa.

A BRIGHT ten-year-old girl is a page in the Iowa House of Representatives. THE English Government declares that it meditates no attack upon Venezuela.

AUSTRALIA does not favor the trans-Pacific cable between Auckland and San Francisco. Two thousand persons are reported to have been killed by an earthquake in the province of Yunnan, China.

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